Subject combination of B. Ed. Courses

608. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Universities are conducting B. Ed. Courses offering social studies stream with Hindi and one subject of social studies to the commerce graduates;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that almost all the organizations prescribe two specific papers of Social Studies excluding Hindi as essential eligibility criteria for recruiting TGTs (Social Studies) and do not consider Hindi as a paper of Social Science and thus such commerce graduates holding B. Ed. degrees are not eligible to apply for TGT (Social Studies) anywhere; and

(c) the action Government propose to mitigate the problems of such candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) is responsible for the Maintenance and Coordination of the Standards of Teacher Education. According to the NCTE, the Council has not prescribed any combination of subjects for different streams in B.Ed, courses. The syllabi followed can accordingly vary from University to University. No centralizaed information is maintained in respect of the combination of subjects offered by each University.

Entrance Exam for IIT and IIM in Gulf Countries

†609. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to conduct entrance examinations for admission in IIT and IIM in gulf countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date from which these examinations will be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Decisions regarding examination centres are taken by the NT's and IIM's which conduct Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to NT's and Common Admission Test (CAT) for admission to IIM's. Any request received by the Government as regard new examination centres in India or abroad is forwarded to these institutions for decision.

Sale of Books as 'Raddi'

610. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken note of a news item aired recently on visual media to the effect that text books for school children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan were sold as 'raddi' in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the case indicating the names of concerned school, teacher and headmaster etc. involved and the action taken so far against them; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to ensure that material to be distributed under this Abhiyan is not misappropriated and misused and reaches school children for whom it is meant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) A report has come to the notice of the Government that some textbooks meant for distribution to school under the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan were sold as 'raddi' by Shri Prahlad Yadav, Assistant Teacher and In-charge of the Cluster Resource Centre at Ukala in district Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. An inquiry was instituted on the basis of which the District Collector, Dhar has suspended Shri Prahlad Yadav and a Departmental Enquiry has been initiated. The case is also being investigated by the local police.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that all District Collectors have been instructed to ensure proper distribution of free textbooks and ensure that no misappropriation of textbooks occurs in their districts.